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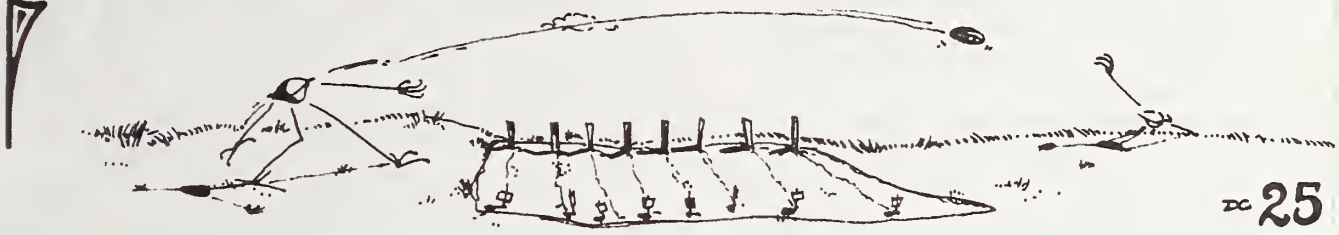

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Ed + Pat Judice
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Administrative Assisstant Michael Noble..

The Towns of New Salem, Northfield, Warwick, and Wendell, recently have been the beneficiaries of a new concept in Town Government an Administrative Assistant. This is an experimental position sponsored by the Massachusetts Dept. of Community Affairs. Michael Noble, screened from 227 applicants, was chosen by the Select Boards of the four participating towns.

This position, the first in Mass. was located in this area after the initiative of Maggie Striebl, Warwick Selectwoman. Her Board sponsored the idea with the New Salem and Wendell Select Boards. They then choose to ask Northfield to join with them.

Noble, now a Warwick resident, was formerly a grantsman and planner in the town of Hardwick. There he set up a rural communities consortium of 10 Worcester County towns. Besides finding a way to get together to discuss common problems, they developed a co-operative purchasing system (for road equipment and material, paper products, etc.). They also joined in mutual aid pacts for fire and police protection.

This new position, Administrative Assisstant Noble pointed out, has nothing to do with that of a Town Manager. The difference centers especially on the Town Managers decision making capability. The Administrative Assisstant has rather an advisory and especially a facilitating role. Noble emphasized his desire to serve the latter role and develop a greater co-ordination among the Town Boards.

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New Business..Farrier

Farrier is a British term derived from the Latin word ferrum or iron. Meaning the art of horseshoeing. Tony Diemand, a life-long member of the Wendell community, has become skilled in such an art. Recently completing a three month course at the Eastern States Farriers School in Phoenix, New York, he was voted best "forge man" and graduated one of the top shoers in his class. His instructor, Charles Nelson, is a Master Farrier with a degree from Michigan College (a one year course) and 20 years of experience. During Tony's schooling he not only learned shoeing techniques, but also diagnosis of hoof ailments and how thru corrective shoeing one can prevent or retard disease. Included in the course was studying these ailments thru the use of diseased hoofs. Tony learned cold and hot (hand made) shoeing for not only trail horses but also show horses. Thru the movement of a horse at a walk

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Letters To The Post

Wendell Post
To the Editor:

I am enclosing an article from a local paper that I hope you will find time to read. Many similar items have appeared ir recent months.

The use of alcohol for internal combustion engines is entirely practical, requiring only a slight change in carburation. The exhaust is almost pollution free.

The advances in farming technology in the last few decades have retired hundreds of thousands of acres of land. Using this idle property for growing alcohol producing plants would be a tremendous benefit for the farmers and would free us of much of our dependence on imported oil. Billions of dollars would stay in America that now find their way to the Near East.

Who is there in our country with vision and energy enough to create a new industry that would turn our economy around and drop unemployment substantially.

Cordially,
James W. Thompson

Copies to Congressman Silvio O. Conte
Senators Edward Kennedy
Edward W. Brooke

Conservation Commission
Town of Wendell
Massachusetts

Jimmy Carter
White House

My Dear Mr. President:

On May 10th, 1975, the Annual Meeting of the Town of Wendell voted unanimously "to prohibit the transport of raido-active fuels, waste and nuclear weaponry within the limits of the Town," as attested by affidavit, and the Town Clerk gave appopriate notice.

It is now reported that the Navy is shipping such waste over the Boston and Maine rails to Idaho from the Portsmouth (N.H.) Naval Yards, via Wendell. A prima facie case exists for non-compliance, since a similar ban is in force in New York City.

We have therefore written the Navy, the N.R.C., and Dept. of Trasportation, requesting of them their plans for future compliance. Assured in advance of your every cooperation in this matter, permit me to remain,

Yrs. faithfully,
Charles Thompson Smith

PS. Please reply to:
S.R.B. 51A
Wendell, Mas 01379

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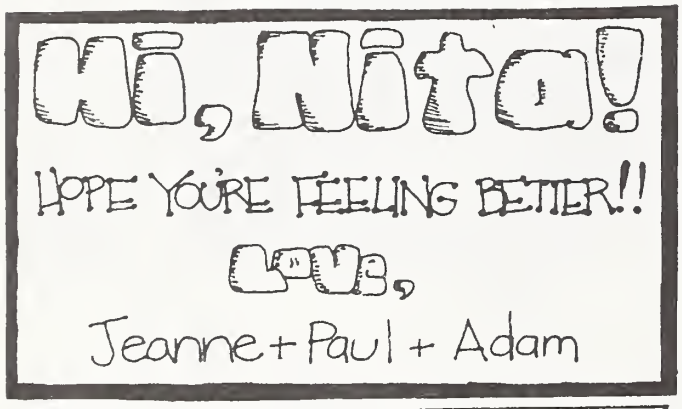

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One Sunday morning some of the people who have contributed to the Wendell Post effort gathered for a group picture. They were; from left to right , as their faces appear on the page; Lewis Becker, Terry Rodgers, Alan Dorr, Harry Williston, Georgia Goodman, Penny Ricketts David White, Annie Diemand, Chief Ricketts, Elsie Diemand, Micheal Idoine, Jeanne McOwan, and Peter Walsh. Notice will be given here when the next group pic happens.

Results··Town Election

The final voter turnout to the town election was 202, as compared to a turnout of 249 for both the years 1977 and 1976.

Selectman: Donald Ellis-74, Kenneth Simos-125, Blank -3.

Town Clerk: Anna M.C.B. Hartjens-156, blank-46.

Treasurer: Margaret L. Simos-157, blank-45.

Tax Collecter: Judith A. Wilder-181, blank-21.

Auditor: 1 yr.: Dolores Williston-146, Donald Stone (write-in)-1, blank-55.

Moderator 1 yr.: Emma M. Cappelluzo-152, Scott Hunter-39, blank-11.

Tree Warden 1 yr.: Daniel Bacigalupo-160, blank-42.

Assessor 3 yrs.: Joseph P. Hartjens 4th-38, June E. Lewis-156, Micheel Idoine (write-in)-1, blank-7.

School Committe 3 yrs.: Mary Ellen Easterbrooks-87, Judith N. Putnam-93, blank-22.

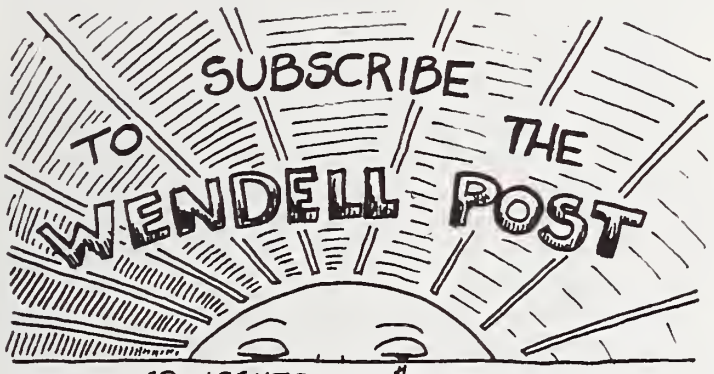
Library Trustee 3 yrs.: Marion V. Herrick-168, blank-34.

Library Trustee 1 yr.: Christine M. Cohen-143, blank-59.

Cemetary Commissioner 3 yrs.: Charles H. Shaw-153, blank-49.

Cemetary Commissioner 1 yr.: (all write-ins) Ronald Sylvia-1, Parker Cleveland-2, Merle Powling-1, Christine Heard-1, blank-197.

Planning Board 5 yrs.: Raymond Avery-71, Jim Slavas (write-in)-1, Micheal Idoine (write-in)-1, blank-129.



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1978 Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting convened May 6, and adjourned May 9, was marked by citizens' reaction to the rapid rise in taxes. The Wendell Highway Department felt the brunt of the belt-tightening. Shielded by its aura of state mandate, the school budget survived intact as requested. However, most items vulnerable to Town Meeting scrutiny met close questioning.

First to feel the ax were the relatively small increases in Town Officers' salaries, most notably for the Tax Collector (+ $300). The voters refused to change last year's salary appropriation , $18,140, by a vote of 78-29.

Both articles 5 and 6 carried as requested. These represented slight increases in Highway Surveyor and D.P.W. holiday and vacation pay. But there was a net decrease due to the Highway Surveyor's forgoing a salary.

Article 7, Unclassified Expense, was a $500 smaller request and approved as such.

$8,000 was approved for Road Machinery Maintenance, a $3,700 smaller request. When the Snow and Sanding item in Article 9 was amended to $17,700 instead of $20,000, the $19,550 article carried.

In the face of the threat of penalty payments, Article 10, $26,104 in Chapter 90 funds was accepted to continue work on Montague Road. The Wendell DPW then had $5,000 cut from their $35,000 Highway Maintenance and Repair request. Related to this item was the approval of Article 39 to continue maintenance of the Bullard Pasture Rd. as a Town Road. The DPW will have $400 for their tool account next year. $2,000 and $3,000 respectively, will go toward permanent work on New Salem and Farley Rds. The Town Meeting, feeling they needed more information, tabled requests of $6,000 and $5,000 for a road grader and a pick-up truck.

After a $500 cut, $4,300 was approved for maintaining the Town garage, Town Hall and common.

A $10,322 appropriation will go for protection of persons and property, $2,850 for the Police Department, and $6,682. for the Fire Department, the largest shares. In addition, the WFD will get a $1,100 portable pump, but no resuscitator manikins. The WPD will get a new $700 radio from revenue sharing funds.

The Wendell Library will receive $3,258 in '78/'79, $1,000 of which comes from State Aid.

$15,000 will be available to run the Town Dump

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Death On Stone Road

A Wendell man found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in his still-running car had been "in a decline for six or seven months" according to neighbors. The death certificate lists the death of John Peter Wholley, 35, of Stone Road as suicide.

Wholley had owned a house trailer a hundred yards off Stone Road for two years and, of late, had aroused the fear and concern of several neighbors with erratic behavior. Formerly married, Wholley had indicated he was upset that his son couldn't come live with him.

The 1963 Chevrolet Wholley drove was found running by Wendell Police Chief Edward Chase, with the exhaust system emitting exhaust fumes underneath the passenger compartment. The fumes entered through the floor and couldn't escape since the windows were rolled up.

The body was taken to Fairhaven for services and burial. Wholley was the son of Donald and Bernice (Caswell) Wholley. Further details were not available at the request of the family.

Two state policemen, Normand Roberts of the criminal investigative unit out of Northampton and Thomas Maher of the Athol Barracks, have been assigned to the case.

by Jonathan van Ranson

Noble; from page 1

Working as a tax consultant in Hartford, Conn., Noble developed an interest in community planning as he saw the communities within the city being overrun by unrestrained and unplanned growth. He persued his interest in planning and incorporated it into his work in rural communities.

Questioned about his loyalties, whether they lie with the towns or his employer, the State, he responded that he did not like to dichotomize, because their interdependency is very important. Noble said, "There are a lot of areas that are not inconsistent with what the state would like to see done for rural areas that the rural areas would not like to see done for themselves." He does see areas where the state attempts to mandate inappropriate programs, "The Route 2 extention is a good example."

"I think you'll find that problems of rural communities in one county are directly synonymous with the problems of rural communities in another county. Their problems nation-wide are about the same," Noble says. He points out that rural areas have 1/3 of the nation's poverty and 2/3 of its sub-standard housing conditions.

To deal with these problems, Noble sees a need for "a higher level of capacity and skills among government officials and towns." With the institution of many new boards, there has been a splintering of co-ordinated effort which, he says, "obscures the overall goal of the community." Coordination is necessary because " it would help to maximize the tax dollar." It is important too, he says, because "Wendell, of the four towns, has one of the highest percentage of people with a phenomenal level of skills, yet they have not been associated closely, to my knowlege, with the governmental structure." He thinks that it is important to survey the citizens to find out their common goals and catalogue the skills they are willing to offer the town.

In line with his interest in planning, Noble stated, "One thing I think Wendell should seriously consider now, is zoning. Zoning can control growth more effectively than where your roads happen to be... I find it difficult to understand why there is such a strong reaction against zoning. It is ultimately for the betterment of the community. The major purpose is to insure that inappropriate facilities or structures are not placed in inappropriate areas." He gave as an example a cement factory next to a residence. He is afraid that "the time you may have zoning is after something dramatic happens to the town."

Noble concedes that the topography and geography of Wendell are unlikely to attract industries from outside the town. More likely, "small labor intensive worker-managed concepts may, in fact, work in Wendell." He speculated about utilizing the Town Farm, using citizens' work rather than a large capital investment. Intensive gardening or a cooperative cannery could fit into this picture. Further, it could provide the Town with another source of revenue.

On a current issue, Noble says, "I see the tax issue as a very positive issue right now. I'd like to see the taxpayers' association continue. It can serve as a watchdog over the budget, and it may be the beginning of the type of communications network that could be very effective and help carry out other community betterment programs."

Noble has made this conclusion about Wendell: "In a town the size of Wendell, the citizens are the government, and they should be directly involved. They are only going to change things through the structure of the government. That's the way it's going to work, now, in this state. People will find they can effect change and they won't be working at cross-purposes."

Selectmens Minutes

April 11, 1978

Anne Diemand requested the use of the hall to run dance lessons. Her sister-in-law, Linda, would be the instructor. The Board agreed to let them try it on Thursday afternoon.

Joe Diemand apologized for the mess behind the Reed House. Mud season is causing its problems.

Joe requested several loads of gravel to be placed on the Plain Road. It is a problem with his school bus.

The Board discussed vehicle insurance for the Highway and Fire Departments and how to handle them at the up-coming Town Meeting.

April 18, 1978

The Board received a letter from Thomas Sogard concerning the stone walls along Wendell Depot Road that join or are on his property. He is concerned that they will be undermined and destroyed if the banks and drainage in the area are not improved. The letter was turned over to Road Surveyor David Bardsley who will survey the problem and report his findings to the Board.

The Board and Road Surveyor discussed work to be done on New Salem Road - both at the New Salem end and near the dump.

Seven members of the Taxpayers Association met with the board to discuss their progress and their concerns about the work that the Board of Assessors has been doing. They have found that the method that our Town was assessed by was "fair market cash value" quoted from Joe Hartjens.

Al Diemand inquired about the money the Town might loose due to the high valuation. The Board replied that there would probably be a loss on next years "cherry sheet".

A general discussion concerning the new valuation and future valuation followed. The general feeling of the group was that the people want fair valuations.

It was reported to the Board that Attorney Gates will meet with the Assessors on Wednesday to get further information to try to help get this tax situation straightened out to the satisfaction of the majority.

April 25, 1978

A group of citizens presented the Board with several articles for the Annual Town Meeting. The Board advised this group that the warrant has already been posted and that there was no legal way to add anything to the warrant at this time.

One article for the next Special Town Meeting was left with the Clerk.

Dump custodian, Ken Wing, and the Board discussed the dump hours that will begin after July 1st. He will bring his recommendations in at a later date.

Wayne Melville from the County Planning Department discussed with the Board the counties proposal for the Housing Opportunity Plan. He asked the Board to support the counties application, they did, and explained what benefits the County and Wendell might expect if the plan is approved by the Federal Government.

When and if the Project is approved, a representative from the County Planning Office will contact the Board and explain fully just what benefits Wendell citizens can expect. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Selectmen's office.

Earlier in the evening Joseph Diemand informed the Board that it looked as though the Mahar School Bus Contract would go to an out of town contractor for the next three years. The Board instructed the clerk to write a letter to the Mahar School Committee requesting that the Wendell children be transported by a Wendell contractor.

The following people were chosen to be Ballot clerks for the Annual Election, May 1, 1978. Jacqueline Ricketts, Joan Burnett, Kathy Becker, Donna Barnes, Anne Diemand, Gwen Soule, Florence Blackbird and Linda Kosuda.

May 9, 1978

The Board discussed making all appointments run along with the fiscal year. (July 1 - June 30.)

Road Surveyor, David Bardsley, and the Board discussed the purchase of culverts for the New Salem Road and Farley Road projects.

David asked if the Board would be interested in applying for Youth corps workers again this summer. The Board asked if they could get some Wendell youths this year.

Police Chief, Ed Chase, asked if the Board would reappoint all police officers as of last year.

Appointed Thomas Bardsley as Dog Officer.

May 15, 1978

Fire Chief, Everett Ricketts, explained the operation of the Fire Department. It should be noted that it is basically a volunteer department and that the only time that anyone gets paid is when there is an actual fire or emergency call.

Selectman Ken Simos requested support from the Board to search out HUD funds for the Town of Wendell. This would have to do with Housing, Health, etc. The rest of the Board offered their support.

The Board discussed appointments that must be made in the very near future. cont. page 8

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The Town will contribute $405 toward county mental health services and $7,589 towards local veterans' benefits and services.

$625 will go toward cemetery upkeep, and $200 toward swimming lessons.

$11,334 was made available for insurance payments; ($6,700), interest on notes ($1,000) Franklin Co. Retirement System ($3,634.)

Saturday's session ended amidst grappling with the enormous school budget totaling $227,619.06. The town meeting had begun a process of chipping away at separate items on the budget, when it recessed. When it reconvened Tuesday night, the chairman of the Mahar Reg. Committee explained that the Mahar item was an assessment based on the regional contract. As such it could not be rejected by the Town Meeting. On the momentum of this development, the entire school article carried. The construction bond payment of $38,934. was then approved.

$5,000. was appropriated to pay past bills, and $2,000 was rescinded for a former loan approved to purchase a bucket loader for the DPW.

Establishment of an Energy Conservation Committee of 5 members will be appointed. Likewise a finance committee of 5 members will be set up. In both cases members will be appointed by the Selectboard to be elected in future years.

Resistance to zoning caused tabling of acceptance of state guidelines for zoning by-laws. Problems with the particulars of a Police Mutual Aid pact and development of an Industrial Commission caused their postponment. Likewise, a measure to use free cash was postponed to a future Special Town Meeting.

Carried was an important new provision for Town Meeting, a quorum of 25 registered voters was established to hold a legal town meeting.

A prolonged discussion of the merits and liabilities of an $1,800 insect spraying program, which was soundly defeated, wound up this years' exercise in citizens' government.

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Lou on the Loose

Hello from Lou to you! As the summer sun begins to beat down, Wendell's musical activity will also be heating up. Outerspace gathered for a gala reunion at the Warwick Inn May 28, a turning point perhaps for the Space-men? Their Warwick gig was a big success, lots of musicians (members of Bev Roehler, Loose Caboose Bonnie Raitt and Fairchild bands), lots of people and a good time, but aside from a smathering of reunion gigs in Maine next month, it appears they are involving themselves more deeply in individual music projects. Resident Space-man Klondike Koehler reports his New Orleans trip was a total gas and at least two more festival offers (including Newport Jazz Festival) have come his way. Ex-Space roadie Conger Murray can be found these days holding the fort on Bear Mountain.

Fairchild are reportedly working their tails off these days. We in the business call it woodshedding, but next time you hear them you'll hear the difference. Direct from Lou: This band deserves more recognition and support. There is no one anywhere doing what they do, and that's the difference that makes a difference. Don't be late.

Bev Roehler Band. Heard that name? She's been busking locally for a few years and her band includes John Colby, keyboard wizzard late of Magic Music. And this summer, look for John "Chubby" Moses (Outerspace) to fill in on guitar.

Blue Sky (Magic Music for those of you with a bad memory) are still in Florida and, after numerous auditions, have added a lead guitarist and lead vocalist. No news of a Northern tour yet, but their drummer, Rod Raub, visited the area recently for session work (recording).

Loose Caboose, Lou is proud to report, are rippin' it up in the Valley. Besides a steady weekend at David's (Hadley), the Caboose has become somewhat of a fixture at the Rusty Nail in Sunderland and will be there three Sundays in June (4, 11, 25). Also in the dream-come-true dept., the Caboose will open for Taj Mahal and Band at the Nail June 23 and 24. Whew! Local boys make good. Needless to say, they hope to see your face in the place.

Just a couple of grace notes. Lou hears that Outerspace will appear again July 22nd at Wendell Old Home Day. Also, Fairchild and Caboose send a special thanks for everyone's suppprt at the recent Co-op benefit. Don't forget your local bands! Bye 'til next month.

Lou Caboose

Humpback Whale
(40-50 ft.)

Fishing In Wendell

Some people think you have to travel hundreds of miles to find good fishing. This may be true if your definition of good fishing means twenty pound Atlantic Salmon, five pound Brook Trout, or giant Northern Pike. But to most folks, good fishing is coming home with a creel full of tasty ten inch trout or a mess of fat bluegill sunfish, perch, or bullheads, with an occasional four pound bass or big pickerel thrown in for excitement. Well, I"m here to tell you that we have some great fishing in our own backyards. What's more, there's plenty for everyone.

Although many consider trout to be the ultimate challenge, the difficulty of catching em' has been often exagerated. Virtually all of our free flowing streams and brooks in Wendell contain the native Eastern Brook Trout. They may not be huge, (twelve inches is about maximum) but there are plenty. These tastey morsels can be captured on a small hook baited with a worm, grub, or grasshopper attached to a fine line (2 or 4 lb. test monofiliment) with no weight and cast upstream so that it will drift down naturally to the waiting fish The important thing is to keep low and be quiet and sneaky. If you are already experienced at this method, try fly fishing. It's not nearly as hard as you may think, and more effective once you get the hang of it. Insects make up 95% of a trout's diet.

If spending a mellow day sitting by a pond in the warm afternoon sun sounds more desireable than working a trout stream, a fine string of tastey panfish can be your reward. Bluegill Sunfish, Yellow Perch, Bullheads, and Crappies, are all panfish found in this area. Your equipment needs may only be a cane pole, line, hooks, and a bobber for this kind of angling, although a spinning rod will give you more versitility and casting range.

All in all, fishing in Wendell can be anything you want it to be. The important thing is to get out and try it. I feel certain that it will provide you with an inexpensive source of recreation, fresh air, and maybe some great food. Feel free to call me if you have questions on techniques, or tackle. I may not tell you my favorite hotspots, but will be glad to talk fishin'.

Remember: Respect property owners rights, Don't litter or mar the natural beauty of our area, Don't be a hog. Take only that which you will use.

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or trot Tony is able to visually spot problems that corrective shoeing may be able in time to retard. With such shoeing, the horse is them able to move his legs straight ahead allowing him the ability of his full potential. There were opportunities thru the course to view first hand many of the problems that a horse has to cope with due to disease or faulty conformation. Insuring in time you may have a sound movement in your own horse. If you have any problems, questions, or just need your horses to be trimmed or shod, you can contact Tony at his father's farm, The Diemand Egg Farm of Wendell, Ma. The telephone number is 617-544-2762 or 617-544-3806. Tony looks forward to hearing from you and discussing further your horses needs. After all the horse relies on his hoof, and his hoof relies on men with skill such as Tony Diemand's, resident Farrier of Wendell.

Graduation

Maple Valley School will hold graduation exercises Wednesday June 7, and Mahar Regional High School will be holding their exercises June 9th.

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Dog Officer, Thomas Bardsley, would like to build a small portable dog kennel in the future, for 4 dogs, approximate cost would be $175. The Board agreed that it is a good idea.

Will Ratliff, new Director of Maple Valley School, told the Board that they are interested in having a casino night to raise funds for their school. The Board did not offer their support but suggested that more information should be acquired. Also some feelings from the community should be found out.

Road Surveyor, David Bardsley, reported that he received the culverts necessary to do New Salem Road.

Fred Hayes would like to truck logs across the bridge which crosses the Millers River near the Usher Plant in Erving Center. The bridge is posted for 3 tons. A decision will be made next week.

David asked approval to purchase more posts and wooden rails like he did on Wendell Depot Road. Approval was granted.

David requested summer hours of 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Board agreed. David will inform the Board when they will begin the new hours. He also requested two utility poles to be re-located on Wendell Depot Hill.

Hours for Selectmen's meetings: June 6 thru October 31 - first and third Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. November 7 thru May 29, 1979 - every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

All appointments to be made June 20th. Vacancies to be filled: Bd. of Appeals (3); Conservation Commission (2); Civil Defense Director (1); Town Hall Custodian (1); Dog Officer (1); Athol Council on Aging (2); Energy Conservation Commission (5); Finance Committee (5); Fence Viewer & Field Driver(1).

May 25, 1978

The Board discussed improvements to be made at the dump and compactor site.

Donald Stone explained to the Board plans that he has for the pond near his house. He has proposed making a dam on the east side of the road. The Board advised him to seek the advice of the Conservation Commission and the State.

7:40 p.m. License Hearing - for Anne Zak and Carol Ann Pistone to operate the Wendell Country Store and Package Goods Store. Licenses were approved. The fees were pro-rated for six months.

The Board opened the bids on the dump improvements. Ronald Hurlburt - Independent Contracting Co. - $3,449. LaClaire and Field Construction Unlimited - $2,346. Awarded to LeClaire and Field Construction Unlimited. The Board informed him that if there are any unforseen problems to notify the Board at once.

1978 Wendell Old Home Day Preview

Wendell Old Home Day, July 22nd, 1978, sponsored by the Wendell Fire Association, at this moment feels like a float carefully wired together but waiting for its flowers. Ideas of many sorts and sources have come together to make a framework for the day. Now Old Home Day needs to be filled out by the characters who will ride on that day, the craftspeople, artists, musicians, photographers, and Wendell Old Home Day volunteers. Wendell Old Home Day looks like this: costume and bike parade, pony rides. contests horseshoe pitching, volley ball, food concessions, beer, tug of war, baby races, wood chopping, fire truck rides, raffles, music, Chicken B-B-Q, hay rides, people games, balloons, food basket, movies, displays of all kinds, prizes, and more ideas still coming, old favorites and new.

The next planning meeting will take place Thursday, June 8th at 7:30 in the Fire Station. Please attend if you have plans or if you want to help man the show. Any questions, call Thomas or Gail Bardsley at 4-2174, or Annie Diemand at 4-2762.

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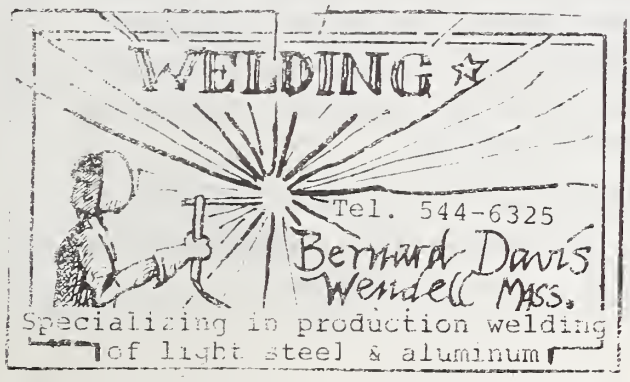
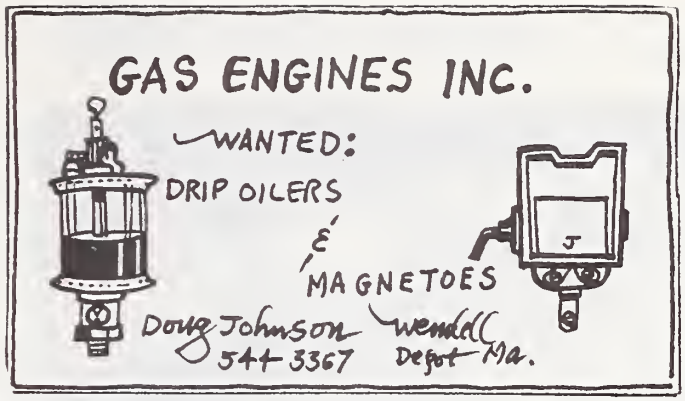
Craft Store in Wendell

Greg McDonald recently moved into the old "Fisher Place" with his family. This house was for a few years the home of the "Outerspace Band". Greg is now thinking of opening an outlet for craft work of all kinds.

McDonald noted that he is aware that many people in town do various craft work. He has a lot of extra space in his house and would like to take goods on consignment to sell.

He would like to get other ideas from townspeople on how to use the space. He has thought, for instance, of selling surplus garden produce this summer. For more information call Greg at 544-2396.





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Senior Services Available

Do the Senior Citizens of Wendell realize that there are many services available to them just for the asking? That is what Paul McOwen, Executive Director of the Mt. Grace Transportation Company is concerned about.

For anyone sixty and over, or for the handicapped, door-to-door transportation can be arranged by calling 249-4304 or 249-8754 one or two days before. This may be used to go shopping, to the meal site, to run errands, go to the doctor or just plain go visiting! Three-fourths of all rides provided are to keep appointments with the doctor or to go shopping. This service is available from 8 to 5 on Monday thru Friday. A certain amount of scheduling has to be done in order to accomodate everyone. Therefore, the bus runs all five days to the 9 town area. On Fridays, an extra bus runs to Greenfield and on Mondays an extra one will go to Gardner for medical purposes or shopping. If someone needs to go to Greenfield on another day than Friday, connections can be made with the Mt. Grace bus to meet the Links bus on Route 2.

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Kayak racers run the Chute on the Millers River, downstream from the Farley Crossing.

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In July, three new vans will be available. All will be equipped with hydraulic lifts for wheelchair passengers and the handicapped. All vehicles have two-way radios. Mt. Grace presently has four vehicles running and about 1200 senior citizens make use of it. The surrounding towns appropriate sums of money each year and Wendell's share this year was $280.00.

Many people enjoy the nutrition program sponsored by the state and Federal government. The cost is small and the meals are nutritious and tasty. The Erving site has meals three days a week and the Orange site five days. Here also, seniors are asked to phone in the day before and make reservations. Erving's telephone number is 413-659-3308 and the Orange number is 544-7082.

For people who like to read, the Athol Library now has books with the large print. If anyone would like to borrow such a book, call the Library at 249-9515 and tell them what type of book you are interested in, and then call Mt. Grace Transportation. They will be glad to pick up the book and bring it to your home and later return it to the library when you have finished reading it.

Another program which should be of great help to the elderly is the Chore Program run by the "Friends of Seniors". Workers are brought to and from the homes of those needing services by their supervisors. They will take care of such tasks as cleaning, moving furniture, mowing lawns, raking, etc. There is no charge for this labor, but any materials used must be provided for the person asking for help. Call 249-8754 at the Mt. Grace office and they will give you further information and make arrangements for you.

Representative Thomas G. Simons (R-Montague)

Reconstruction by the state of the "bad curve" at the eastern end of the new section of Route 2 in Erving could be started early this summer, Rep. Thomas G. Simons reported today.

In a special communique from state DPW Commissioner John J. Carroll to Rep. Simons, the Commissioner stated that the Erving project has been designed by the District 2 office in Northampton and has been submitted to the DPW's Boston headquarters and the Federal Highway Administration for review.

"Commissioner Carroll has informed that if the reviews are timely and do not entail any major changes, the project will be advertised within a week," declared Rep. Simons.

"Since a May advertising would result in construction starting this summer, I will concentrate my efforts toward ensuring the earliest possible construction date. It is imperative that this bad curve be eliminated as soon as possible," Rep. Simons added.

The particular section of Route 2 target for reconstruction has been the site of numerous traffic accidents. DPW authorities indicated that Rep. Simons received immediate action after he requested that the straightening be handled as a separate project from the relocation of Route 2 in Franklin County.

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Ballou's Store Changes Hands

As of July 1st Ballou's Store will end their business of 15 years. We wish to thank each and every one of you who have done business with us over the years. We have enjoyed the daily visits and know we will miss the friendly atmosphere.

The new owners, Anne Zak and Carol Pistone, have decided to rename it "Wendell Country Store" and we believe any changes they decide to make will be for the better. We also hope you will continue to support them as you have us in the past.

Again, our sincere thanks and we will still be in touch.

Bob & Winnie Ballou

Informative Gathering

There will be an informative gathering July 11 at 7:30 in the Townhall of all elected and ap-ointed officials and interested citizens to meet with Mike Noble, our new Town Administrative Assistant, to discuss town problems and seek solutions.

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Camp Anderson

The old Locksvillage area comes alive in the summertime as a camp town for children, Camp Anderson. Founded in 1933, the camp offers 125 acres of wooded hills and the proximity of Lake Wyola to all young people ages 7-14. From the beginning of July to mid-August, youngsters enjoy for $65. a week many activities; sports, arts and crafts, camping and waterfront activities.

"The purpose of Camp Anderson is to enhance the continued growth of the child by involvement. A complete schedule of land and water sports adds to his physical growth and coordination while a unit living arrangement with children of his own age group adds to his social and emotional development."

For more information concerning Camp Anderson or campership aid, write to the Camp Anderson Foundation, Box 441, Amherst. Pamphlets are available locally at Ballou's Store.

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Town Clerk's Notes

All dog licenses will be past due after June 1. The Town Clerk will be making an unlicensed dog list which will be submitted to the Selectmen. The Selectmen will make out a warrant and turn it over to the dog officer.

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On May 26th there was an informal get-together over coffee and cake of all town department heads to meet our new administrative manager, Mike Noble. The topic of discussion was how to submit a budget.

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Deaths: John P. Wholly May 11, 1978
Arthur E. Taylor, May 10, 1978

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The Telephone Tree is taking form under the supervision of Annie Hartjens. Volunteer callers Kathy Becker, Elsie Diemand, Peggy Simos, Faith Thayer, Anne Zak, Emma Cappelluzo, Christine Heard, Gwen Soule, and Parker Cleveland will be responsible for calling voters in their area.

Persons with unlisted phones who would like to arrange to be notified about Town Meetings please contact Annie Hartjens (544-6052).

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Birth Notices

Congratulations to Susan and Steven Snyder for the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh Snyder. The baby was born February 13 at Franklin Co. Hospital.

Congratulations to Sylvia and Thomas Wetherby for the birth of their daughter Anna Rebecca Wetherby. The baby was born April 5th in Franlkin Co. Hospital.

Congratulations to Gwen and Lincoln Soule for the birth of their son, Samuel KC Soule. The baby weighed 7 lb. 14 oz, and was born at Cooley Dickenson Hospital on May 17th.

Congratulations to Phyllis Lawrence and Jim Slavas for the birth of their son, Noah Lawrence-Slavas. The baby weighed 7 oz., and was also born at Cooley-Dickenson Hospital on May 17th.

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The family of the late Maurice Lauro wish to thank all the friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy.

Edna Lauro and
Enid Weide

Ed Judice Photo

Arthur Taylor

Arthur Taylor, member of one of Wendell's few remaining old time families, died May 11th. Recently he had been living with one of his daughters, Lorraine Klaiber in Millers Falls because of illness.

Arthur Taylor graduated from Wendell Grammar School, and went on to attend New Salem Academy. Beatrice Carey became his wife in 1927. The Taylors were married for 46 years when Beatrice died in 1972, and they had four children; Edward Taylor, who died in 1951, Lorraine Klaiber, Joyce Simula, and Arthur Leroy Taylor.

Joyce Simula and Lorraine Klaiber related that their father had been assessor, forest warden, cemetery commissioner, dump custodian, and Master of the Wendell Grange. He surveyed the Orange Airport, and was an enthusiastic banjo player. Arthur Taylor drove truck, lumbered, and worked in a sawmill as a marker.

Ted Lewis recalled that Arthur Taylor was the first man he hired on the highway, that Taylor stayed on all the years Ted worked, and later Taylor filled in as road boss.

Besides his three children, Arthur Taylor is survived by his sister, Bessie Fox of Wendell, and 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Cost to attend camp is $65. per week, which includes $10. registration fee. Camp in session July 2-August 19th.

Registrar, Camp Anderson Foundation
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